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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION UNDER CFR 1.116 AND DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.132

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated June 16, 2006, please consider the following Remarks and Amendment, filed within TWO MONTHS of the Office Action, that place this Application in condition for allowance or, in the alternative, in better condition for appeal.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims given on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 7 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.